GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2291
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2000
CUTTING OF TREES IN MP
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether felling of forests has been banned in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have interfered in the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a & b) Yes, Sir. The Hon`ble Supreme Court in Interlocutory Application NO. 257 in Writ Petition No. 202/95 filed by Shri Santosh Bharti, has banned the felling of trees in MP.

(c) The Ministry has filed a detailed affidavit in the Supreme Court recommending that Hon`ble Court may lift the ban on felling of trees in forest areas as per working plans approved by the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.